



## HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

The American Embassy assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons, centers, or hospitals appearing on this list. The names of doctors are listed in alphabetical, specialty and regional order. The order in which this information appears has no other significance.

Routine care is generally available from general practitioners or family practice professionals. Care from specialists is by referral only, which means you first visit the general practitioner before seeing the specialist. Most specialists have private offices (called “surgeries” or “clinic”), as well as consulting and treatment rooms located in Medical Centers attached to the main teaching hospitals. Residential areas are served by a large number of general practitioners who can take care of most general illnesses

**The U.S Government assumes no responsibility for payment of medical expenses for private individuals.** The Social Security Medicare Program does not provide coverage for hospital or medical outside the U.S.A. For further information please see our information sheet entitled “Medical Information for American Traveling Abroad.”

### IMPORTANT EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE, MARINE:** 999 (*ask for the service you require*)  
(Use 999 for life and death situations only)

#### **HONIARA only**

Fire	988
Police	999
Search & Rescue	977
Ambulance/Medical	911
National Disaster	955
Weather	933

#### **AUKI**

Fire	40132
Police	40132
Search & Rescue	21609
Ambulance/Hospital	40911
National Disaster	27936
Weather	40412

**BUALA**

Police	35296	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		35211
National Disaster		27936
Weather		27658

**GIZO**

Fire	60508	
Police	60508	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		60339
National Disaster		27936
Weather		27658

**KIRAKIRA**

Police	50177	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		50100
National Disaster		27936
Weather		27658

**MUNDA**

Police	62114	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		62911
National Disaster		27936
Weather		62185

**NORO**

Fire	61005	
Police	61005	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		61354
National Disaster		27936
Weather		27658

**TULAGI**

Police	32999	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		32338
National Disaster		27936
Weather		27658

**LATA**

Police	53184	
Search & Rescue		21609
Ambulance/Hospital		53212
National Disaster		27936
Weather		53182

## **TARO**

Police 63199  
Search & Rescue 21609  
Ambulance/Hospital 63911  
National Disaster 27936  
Weather 27658

## **MEDEVAC SERVICES**

There are no medevac services that originate from Solomon Islands. If there is an emergency, and if the patient has Evacuation Insurance (or can pay the cost privately) an Air Ambulance will come in from Cairns or Townsville to uplift the patient back to Australia.

### **AMR Air Ambulance**

8001 South InterPort Blvd  
Ste. 150  
Englewood, CO 80112  
U.S. toll free: (800) 424 7060  
Int'l: 01 (720) 875-9183  
Fax: (720) 875-9183  
Website: [www.amr-airambulance.com](http://www.amr-airambulance.com)

## **MEDICAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

Hospitals and pharmacies in the Solomon Islands are limited to populated areas and religion missions. Medical care options are extremely limited. The nearest reliable medical facilities are in Australia or New Zealand. There is a hyperbaric recompression chamber in Honiara at the In-the-Zone Medical Centre, phone (677) 23485 or (677) 23482; however, medical conditions resulting from diving accidents may require medical evacuation to Australia or New Zealand. Serious medical treatment requiring hospitalization and/ or medical evacuation to Australia, New Zealand, or the United States can cost thousands of dollars. Doctors and hospitals often expect immediate cash payment for health services. If you anticipate the possible need for medical treatment in Australia you should obtain entry permission for Australia in advance. Entry permission for Australia you should obtain Australia High Commission in Honiara but is easier to obtain before you leave the United States.

Malaria occurs throughout the year in most areas of Solomon Islands. We recommend that you seek medical advice on taking prophylaxis against malaria and that you use an insect repellent at all times. Outbreaks of the mosquito- borne illness, dengue fever, occur from time to time. For information on dengue fever, see [World Health Organization Factsheet](#) . Water-borne, food-borne, parasitic and other infectious diseases (including hepatitis, tuberculosis, filariasis and sexually transmitted infections) are prevalent, with more serious outbreaks occurring from time to time. We encourage you to consider having vaccinations before travelling. We advise you to boil all drinking water or drink bottled water, and avoid ice cubes or raw and undercooked food. Seek medical advice if you have a fever or are suffering from diarrhea.

There is a Hospital with very limited facilities in the Province Capitals:

**AUKI, MALAITA**

**GIZO, WESTERN SOLOMONS**

**HELENA GOLDIE** – private and run by the United Church in Munda

**LATA, TEMOTU  
TARO, SHORTLAND  
BUALA, ISABEL.**

*The rest of the Solomon Islands are very basic clinics **not** hospitals, usually run by experienced nurses, **not** by doctors.*

## **MEDICAL PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS**

**AJS Private Medical Centre** (*General Consultation, Treatment for all ages, Medical Clearance for travel/employment, Workers Compensation/withdrawal, Post Natal Routines/Vaccinations/Malaria Checks & treatment*)

Top Fl, above Honiara Hot Bread Kitchen  
Lee Bros Building  
Tel (677) 21773  
A/h (677) 94656

**In-The-Zone Medical Centre** (*Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis & Treatment of common illness, Medical Clearance for employment, citizenship and overseas, Assessment for NPF withdrawal, Blood Glucose for Diabetes, Development Assessment of Children, Assessment of Overseas referral Patients, Vaccinations & Minor Surgical Procedures*)

P.O. Box 456, Honiara, Guadalcanal, SI  
Tel (677) 23485  
Fax (677) 27256  
Email: [inzonemed@solomon.com.sb](mailto:inzonemed@solomon.com.sb)

### **Kukum Clinic**

P.O. Box 324, Honiara, Guadalcanal, SI  
Tel (677) 22321

**PND Medical Clinic** (*General Consultation, Women Health(Family Planning, Antenatal Care, Pap Smear), Child Care Health (Immunization), Medical Examination Clearance, Malaria Blood Tests, Minor Surgical & Gynae Procedures, Home Visits & After Hours Call*)

Old Red Cross Building- China Town  
P.O. Box R63, Ranadi, SI  
Tel (677) 25188, 28169

**Sealark Medical Consultants Ltd** (*Travel Medicine/Health, Tropical Medicine, Skin Clinics, Public Health, Preventative Medical Care, Diving Medicine, Immunizations, Laboratory Diagnostics & Medevac Services*)

Tandai Highway- Rove  
P.O. Box 1902, Honiara, Guadalcanal, SI  
Tel (677) 27483, 79040, 97410  
Fax (677) 27483  
A/h (677) 79040

## **DENTAL SURGEONS**

**Honiara Dental Care**

P.O. Box 384, Honiara, Guadalcanal, SI  
Tel (677) 22746

**Honiara Dental Clinic**

P.O. Box 349, Honiara, Guadalcanal, SI  
Tel (677) 23600

**Petsy Dental Care**

P.O. Box R317, Honiara, Guadalcanal, SI  
Tel (677) 23522

**CHILD HEALTH CARE / IMMUNIZATION**

The child health care broke down during the tensions, as did most medical facilities. With the assistance of AUSAID, the facilities are gradually being restored. Child immunization re-started in 2004 and by 2006, most Children in the country have been put onto a vaccination program.